BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2003-3-E - ORDER NO. 2003-321

MAY 13, 2003

IN RE:	Duke Power,	A Division	of Duke Energy

Corporation – Annual Review of Base Rates for

Fuel Costs

ORDER GRANTING

) EXTENSION TO

PREFILE

TESTIMONY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Commission Staff (Staff) for a one (1) day extension of time in which to prefile its testimony and exhibits regarding the Annual Review of base rates for fuel costs of Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Power). The Commission Staff and/or other parties were originally scheduled to file their prefiled testimony and exhibits on or before May 7, 2003, as set forth in Commission Order No. 2003-162 issued March 19, 2003. Staff was unable to prefile its testimony and exhibits by the due date of May 7, 2003, therefore, the request for a one (1) day extension. According to Staff, the complexity of the issues involved and the resultant complexity of developing the appropriate Staff testimony in the present case necessitates the request for an extension. Staff states further that attorneys for both Duke Power and the Consumer Advocate, who is the only intervenor in the case, were contacted and both attorneys consented to the Staff's extension.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission discerns no prejudice to any party in granting the requested extension in this matter and concludes that the request of the Commission Staff for a one day extension to file its testimony and exhibits should be granted. Accordingly, we approve and grant the Staff's request for the extension of time. Under the modified prefile dates, the Commission Staff shall prefile and serve its direct testimony and exhibits on or before **May 8, 2003**. (The Staff may file and serve the direct testimony and exhibits by mail on the indicated date.) The other requirements set out by Order No. 2003-162 remain in effect.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ATTEST:

Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director

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